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To: [Jim Vreeland](#)
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Subject: Re: TAG for Rocketdyne
Date: 06/04/2009 09:14 PM

Jim - Unfortunately, this TASC issue at SSFL is very complex. Before we get back to the Congressionals about it, I would prefer that R9 first get on the same page. At our May 26th TASC Information Session (that Chris R references in her email), community opinion was indeed mixed and divided. I am the one who stated that EPA will not offer a program that will further divide the SSFL community. Contrary to Chris Rowe statement, I think TASC has the potential to do more harm than good and EPA would be to blame. We told the 30-40 people in attendance at the May 26th meeting that EPA would "get back to them" and that EPA has made no decision regarding next steps.

Internally, I am trying to set up a meeting with David Cooper and Luis Garcia (in Superfund Community Involvement) as soon as I get back on June 15th so we can reach an R9 position on on next steps. However, we are having some schedule conflicts as David appears to be out until late June. I would be more than happy to join you on a call with Molly next week (although I am on annual leave next week) or anytime the week of June 15th when I return to the office. However, without first talking to the CIC's and reaching some consensus with them, we would only be able to provide Molly some background information to TASC, the May 26th meeting, the situation facing EPA. I would not want to explore next steps with Molly until we have a tentative R9 position.

Let me know you want to proceed regarding getting back to Molly on this.

Craig

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I agree and however we work it would be great. My hope is that we can get back to them in some fashion by the end of next week...if that could work for folks. if not what day could work for a discussion with their offices the week of June 15....for me it would have to be June 18 or 19.

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Nicole Moutoux---06/04/2009 02:33:22 PM---Jim- TASC is a technical assistance contract that EPA can provide to communities to assist them on

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Jim-

TASC is a technical assistance contract that EPA can provide to communities to assist them on non-Superfund sites. This is not TAG. We have a national contract to provide assistance. The community identifies their needs and they work directly with EPA's contractor.

That said, this is a larger issue than what is conveyed below. Craig has been working this issue along with David Cooper and Luis for the last several weeks. It would be best if we talked with Molly and Lisa before they talk to Chris. I am in next week but Craig is not. I think we should wait until he is back because he is handling this TASC contract and knows the most.

Craig- do you want to weigh in?

Nicole

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Jim Vreeland---06/04/2009 02:14:51 PM---Please see the note below..Since this in not a \$fund site, would they be eligible for a grant or is

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Please see the note below..Since this in not a \$fund site, would they be eligible for a grant or is this something that they would go to DTSC for. Lisa knows that this would cause some issues with the current grant but she just wanted to know what the options are.

Also, below is the NASA letter the Rep Gallegly's office forwarded after our call today. Thanks, Jim

Congressman Elton Gallegly[attachment "Gallegly NASA Objection" deleted by Nicole Moutoux/R9/USEPA/US]

"O'Brien, Molly (Feinstein)" ---06/01/2009 03:37:52 PM---Thanks Lisa and Jim for setting this up. I am also available tomorrow at 11 am, 3 or 4 pm. Unfortu

Hi Jim,

I hope your Memorial Day weekend was good. I wanted to get some guidance from you if possible.

I am forwarding an email from Chris Rowe that she sent to Molly O'Brien and me today.

Molly and I were hoping the three of us could talk sometime next week about Chris Rowe's requests. We wanted to get more information about TASC and get more information about the suggestions Bob Fitzgerald made in his May 14 email. Would you have some time next week to chat with Molly and I?

Thanks very much,

Lisa

From: [REDACTED] FX-6 Personal Privacy]
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2009 10:46 PM
To: O'Brien, Molly (Feinstein); Lisa.Pinto@mail.house.gov
Subject: Technical Assistance to Community Members - TASC

Dear Molly and Lisa,

This is where I really need your help. The federal EPA came to our community tonight to discuss - "TASC" - Technical Assistance to Community Members.

The EPA said that they would not come into our community if their efforts would further divide the community. It is impossible to divide the community further than it already is.

This was an extremely emotional meeting with the long time activists asking why TASC is necessary, and people like me saying how very important that it is. I will be taking this issue to my West Hills Neighborhood Council Board on June 3rd as well as to the Santa Susana Mountain Area Committee tomorrow night.

Three Board members of the West Hills Neighborhood Council were at this meeting - Walter Prefect, Joanne Yvanek - Garb, and me. We are in agreement of the need for the EPA's assistance. The EPA are the people that will be doing the radionuclide surveys and sampling, and their TASC team is an independent consulting firm that can look at areas of concern and documents and advise us.

Please help us get this TASC assistance. I know that one community member walked out of tonight's meeting because of the noise, and I know that he and many others will not speak out because they saw how rapidly I was attacked when I spoke. I know this because the person who left said this on my answering machine.

Please help me with this one.

Thank you.

Chris Rowe

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